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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 247,000 head as of December 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 2 percent above last month's inventory but 2 percent below December 1, 2014. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 21,000 head of fed cattle during November 2015, 11 percent above the previous month and the November 2014 marketings. An estimated 26,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during November 2015, 13 percent above last month but no change from the November 2014 placements. Other disappearance for November 2015, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month but 4,000 head below last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on December 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.60 million head, 11 percent below 2014. Placements are the lowest for November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 391,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 310,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 430,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.53 million head, 4 percent above 2014. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during November, unchanged from 2014.

For a full copy of the December 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.